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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

PARKS AND RECREATION

DEPARTMENT

for the

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1974

BOSTON, June 30, 1974

HON. KEVIN H. WHITE
Mayor of Boston

DEAR SIR:
In accordance with Section 15 of Chapter 185, Acts of 1875, the Parks and Recreation Commission herewith submits its annual report for the fiscal year January 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY E. FORGIONE,
Chairman, Board of Parks
and Recreation Commissioners.

SIMON C. FIREMAN,
J. LEO McCARTHY,
WILLIAM SCOTT,
JAMES P. SULLIVAN,
Associate Commissioners.

DOROTHY M. CURRAN,
JAMES LEE HUNT,
Assistant Commissioners.

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Introduction

The Department of Parks and Recreation had its beginning with the appointment of the first Board of Park Commissioners on July 8, 1875, under the title "Park Department." The Board consisted of three members who served without compensation. As thus constituted, the department continued up to 1913, when by provision of Chapter 10, Ordinances of 1912, it was merged with the Public Grounds, Bath and Music Departments, under the name of Park and Recreation Department. The Commissioners were appointed by the Mayor for a term of three years, one term expiring each year. The Chairman was a paid city official, in charge of the operation of the department. The other two members served without compensation.

In 1920 the Cemetery Department was merged with the Park and Recreation Department, and the title was changed to Park Department. On May 1, 1954, the Department became the Parks and Recreation Department under the provisions of Chapter 2, Ordinances of 1954. The Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners was increased to five members.

Under the latest ordinance, the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation becomes the active head of the department with power of authority far beyond that which existed when the Board consisted of three members (Section 36-42, inclusive, Chapter 2, Ordinances of 1954). The Commissioners meet as required on call from the Chairman.

In 1970, the Parks and Recreation Commission was reorganized under Chapter 8 of the Ordinances of 1970 which amended Chapter 19 of the Revised Ordinances of 1961 by adding two other officers, respectively known as the Assistant Commissioner for Administration and the Assistant Comissioner for Recreation, each likewise appointed by the Mayor for a term expiring on the first Monday of the January following the next biennial municipal election at which a mayor is elected and who will both serve full time.

The department is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of approximately 2,300 acres of parks and playgrounds. Included in this area are the following facilities: 125 playgrounds and play areas, 47 of which have field houses; 20 parks, large and small; 2 service yards containing offices, mechanics' shops, storehouse, and garage; a recreation building; 13 indoor recreation centers; 16 public bathhouses; 2 public golf courses (18 holes) both with clubhouses; 3 public bathing beaches with bathhouses in which are 2 solaria; 4 swimming pools (2 indoor and 2 outdoor) and 4 portable pools; 82 public squares; 16 greenhouses; 19 cemeteries (3 active, 16 inactive or historic); 108 miles of parkways, driveways, walks, and paths; 131 acres of ponds and

rivers; and the care and maintenance of all trees on city streets, parks, and playgrounds (1966) Statistics).

The department organizes, promotes, and conducts a city-wide recreation program for all age groups with special emphasis on youth programs.

This report summarizes briefly the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the staff of the department to maintain a high standard in essential services and to expand the facilities of our park system to meet the needs of the department within our appropriation allowances.

In this report there is no particular attention given to the extensive maintenance responsibilities of the Parks and Recreation Department. Reference to the introductory section of this report will indicate the large number of areas, buildings, etc., that require most of the time of our staff. It should be apparent that much of our appropriation is expended for the maintenance and improvement of parks, gardens, park and recreation buildings, mechanics' shops, golf courses, cemeteries, etc. Proper maintenance is the key to efficient service. We are confining this report to major work accomplished during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, all of which is substantially outside the area of general maintenance.

RECREATION PROGRAM

The success of the Parks and Recreation Department was the willingness to create recreation programs and services that are compatible with the cultural, social and economic characteristics of Boston.

1973 and 1974 were years when new concepts and guidelines were developed to spawn recreation programs in the inner city areas and a desire to face the challenge and responsibility of organizing community recreation programs to make up today's leisure-time scene.

During 1973-1974 the Boston Parks and Recreation Department offered to the public a widely diversified program of athletics, social and cultural activities.

Hundreds of thousands made use of our parks, playgrounds, swimming pools and recreation centers. Indoor physical activities included gymnastics, swimming, basketball, wrestling, boxing, physical fitness and tennis instruction. Cultural and recreation activities included art, grooming, modeling, music, dancing, drama, puppetry and others.

All outdoor facilities for baseball, handball, basket-

ball, softball and soccor leagues were taxed to capacity. Athletic activities included 35 baseball leagues, 80 basketball leagues, 12 football leagues, 10 handball tournaments, 40 soccor leagues, and 78 softball leagues.

The Boston Parks and Recreation girls' athletic leagues completed their thirty-first consecutive year of organized city-wide competition.

During 1973-1974 there were approximately 2,000 players who registered for basketball leagues; 1,000 for the softball leagues and 300 for volleyball league. The leagues are set up in many divisions, matching the players with those of similar age and experience.

On a city-wide basis, the department playgrounds are staffed during the summer and fall months to provide an organized recreation program for the city youngsters.

The department also maintains two golf courses, one of which is the oldest public course in the country. A junior golf program for youngsters is conducted at these facilities.

The sailing and boating program was conducted at Jamaica Pond. Instructional classes for children 12-18 years of age in navigation and sailing were conducted free of charge. More than 1,500 using 15 sailboats took part in this program.

In cooperation with the Boston Police Department's Officer Friendly Program of the Information Services, a series of training classes were held at Jamaica Pond on small craft and boating safety.

During the spring and winter months preparation and certification was offered at our indoor swimming pools. Five indoor pools are in operation on a year-round basis offering swimming instruction. The "L" Street (James M. Curley) beach and the Frog Pond on Boston Common, were in constant use during the summer months. The swimming attendance almost doubled because of expanded programs and extended hours of operation.

Many thanks to the Boston Police Officer Friendly Program who gave of their time in assisting instructors and cooperating at our many special events.

Boston Parks and Recreation pioneered programs for exceptional children and ran three separate day camps during the summer months. Special programs such as swimming instructions were arranged for the children. Lifeguards and swimming supervisors assisted instructors with swimming lessons.

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The Mayor Kevin H. White Golden Age Clubs sponsored a variety of senior citizen programs during the summer and winter months including get-acquainted programs, games, parties, bus trips, etc. Films were shown at nursing homes to shut-ins throughout the year. The climax was a city-wide picnic for all senior citizens of Boston at Castle Island.

The Boston Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL) enlisted both the support and participation of at least 3,000 youngsters and adults. The interest in the Boston Neighborhood Hockey League (BNHL) continues to grow with at least 800 youngsters from twelve neighborhoods participating in the league.

Free instruction clinics throughout the city continued to attract the interest of youngsters as well as adults to the Boston Parks & Recreation Department tennis program. Many tennis facilities were re-surfaced and lights added for the public convenience.

Track and field meets for boys and girls were scheduled regularly during the summer at White Stadium. Boston again hosted the Atlantic-Richfield Jesse Owens inter-city track and field competition.

In 1973-1974 a number of innovations were extremely successful, one being the Art Center in The Park at Pinebank. Free to all citizens of Boston are classes in the visual and performing arts, theatrical productions, dance performances and art exhibits.

Various special events were presented by the department and/or its affiliate, Summerthing. Throughout the summer the Parks and Recreation Department offered almost every imaginable form of entertainment -- boxing matches and concerts on the City Hall Plaza, festivals, plays, puppet shows, opera, art shows and mobile instructional units.

Bicycle safety clinics for youngsters with the cooperation of the Officer Friendly Police Staff were one of the many services offered. The Parks & Recreation Department continued to advocate safe bicycling and a pollution-free environment for the City of Boston.

The James M. Curley Recreation Center ("L" Street) continued to offer one of the best free facilities available in the country. In addition to its beach facilities (handball and solarium), it contained a men's steam bath, exercise and recreational room for all ages (tiny tots to senior citizens), a women's sauna and a unique exercise room. A variety of physical fitness classes and recreation programs are available from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For the fourth year, the department co-sponsored the Franklin Park Kite Festival rewarding the creative kite designers and kite flyers. Frisbee and hula contests on the City Hall Plaza drew on the talents of our neighborhood youngsters.

Fishing at Jamaica Pond boasted Boston's best stocked facility.

The summer fun tours were available to all playground youngsters. There were free bus trips to various recreational and educational points of interest in and around the Greater Boston area.

As in 1973-1974, the objective of the Parks and Recreation Department is to continue to make available quality facilities and programs; to stimulate and encourage year-round maximum use of the facilities; and to continuing enthusiasms for our year-round programs.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS TO
PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES
January 1973 through June 1974

1. REHABILITATION AND REPLACEMENT WORK AT AUTOMOBILE UNDERPASS (Comm. Ave. - Mass. Ave.,Boston,Mass.) W. T. Rich Co.,Inc., June 14, 1973, $137,659.22.

2. FURNISHING ELECTRICIANS & HELPERS ON AN HOURLY BASIS. Consolidated Heat & Power, Inc., May 7, 1973, $16,308.02.

3. RAISING & LOWERING FLAGS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON. R. Tweed & Son, May 7, 1973,$7,780.00.

4. MISCELLANEOUS REPAIRS TO PASSENGER CARS & TRUCKS. Arcand Sales & Service,Inc.,May 17, 1973,$17,536.34.

5. SERVICING OIL BURNERS IN BUILDINGS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT. James Devaney Fuel Co.,Inc., May 7, 1973, $8,786.88.

6. MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRICAL & CARBURETOR REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS TO PASSENGER CARS & TRUCKS. A & J Auto Ignition Co.,May 2, 1973, $2,456.00.

7. REHABILITATION & IMPROVEMENTS WORK AT RONAN PARK, DORCHESTER, MASS. W. T. Rich Co.,Inc., June 22, 1973, $54,900.00.

8. CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND INSTALLATION OF FLOODLIGHTING EQUIPMENT AT BILLINGS FIELD. John Palumbo Co., July 5, 1973, $224,440.00.

9. FURNISHING SAND & BARK AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN CITY OF BOSTON. Harold S. Sears Co.,Inc., June 22, 1973, $6,017.00.

10. PATTERNMAKING AND CASTING OF TOP RAIL PARTS FOR THE BOSTON PUBLIC GARDEN FENCE. Easton Foundry Co.,Inc., July 6, 1973, $2,949.00.

11. FURNISHING & PLANTING TREES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON D. Cicconi, Inc., August 17, 1973, $44,386.00.

12. FURNISHING & PLANTING TREES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON Barrington Co.,Inc., August 23, 1973, $40,627.94.

13. ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS TO THE FLOODLIGHTING SYSTEM AT THE COLUMBUS PARK, SOUTH BOSTON. New England Electric Co.,Oct. 1, 1973, $9,372.00.

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14. RECREATION FACILITIES AT BACK BAY FENS.
D. Cicconi, Inc., July 25, 1973, $104,250.00.

15. RECREATION FACILITIES AT MARY HANNON & LAMBERT AVENUE PLAYGROUNDS. A & B Construction Corp., Inc., August 17, 1973, $81,500.00.

16. FURNISHING BUS TRANSPORTATION
Hudson Bus Lines, August 13, 1973, $29,658.00.

17. THE FURNISHING & INSTALLATION OF PROPERTY LINE FENCE AT THE FIDELIS WAY PLAYGROUND, BRIGHTON. Ace Chain Link Fence Co., July 23, 1973, $5,850.00.

18. RECREATION FACILITIES AT JAMES L. CRONIN PLAYGROUND.
Sabia Const. Co., Sept. 30, 1973, $107,687.80.

19. CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT COPP'S HILL TERRACE AND HANO STREET PLAYGROUND.
W. T. Rich Co., Inc., Sept. 30, 1973, $143,400.00.

20. CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT JOHN L. NOYES PLAYGROUND. R. W. Andrew Corp.,August 24, 1973, $35,034.00.

21. DARTMOUTH STREET MALL - COMM. AVE. TO BEACON STREET.
State Street Engineering Co., March 27,1974.$157,000.00.

22. CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT JAMES F. HEALY & READVILLE PLAYGROUNDS.
W. T. Rich Co.,Inc., Sept. 30, 1973, $128,300.00.

23. CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AT PUBLIC GARDEN.
Cicconi Construction Corp., August 17, 1973, $164,100.00.

24. CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AT BOSTON COMMON.
Harold S. Sears Co., Inc., August 9, 1973, $89,026.72.

25. GRADING & SANDING BATHING BEACH AT JAMES MICHAEL CURLEY RECREATION CENTER, "L" STREET, SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.
A. A. Will Materials Co., August 6, 1973, $14,990.00.

26. DEVELOPMENT OF BURIAL AREAS FOR PARKS & RECREATION CEMETERIES IN BOSTON, MASS.
Charles & Louis Construction Co.,Inc. ,
July 25, 1973, $86,137.44.

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27. THE FURNISHING & ERECTING OF CHAIN LINK FENCES AT CRONIN PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER, MASS.
Ace Fence Co., August 13, 1973, $7,994.25.

28. CONSTRUCTION OF LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL FIELD AT WILLIAM F. SMITH PLAYGROUND, BRIGHTON, MASS.
C & A Construction Co.,Inc.,August 6,1973,$66,152.00.

29. CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT QUINCY STREET PLAYGROUND.
Harold F. Sears Co.,Inc., November 2,1973,$91,350.00.

30. CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT FRANKLIN PARK.
D. F. Frangioso Co.,Inc., October 25,1973,$185,826.56.

31. ASPHALT SURFACING OF ROADWAYS AT MT. HOPE CEMETERY, WEST ROXBURY. Old Colony Construction Co., Inc., September 25, 1973, $4,602.76.

32. FURNISHING & ERECTING A SIXTY FOOT SPRUCE CHRISTMAS TREE ON BOSTON COMMON. Frost & Higgins Company, November 29, 1973, $3,275.00.

33. CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATION FACILITIES AT THOMAS F. O'DAY PLAYGROUND. Harold S. Sears Company, Inc., November 27, 1973, $54,517.00.

34. DRAINAGE WORK AT THE GREENHOUSES, FRANKLIN PARK SERVICE YARD, WEST ROXBURY. Henderson Construction Co.,Inc., January 4, 1974, $3,300.00.

35. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT MAJOR CHRISTOPHER J. LEE PLAYGROUND. A & B Construction Co., Inc., April 23, 1974, $51,500.00.

36. CHAIN LINK FENCING AT ALMONT STREET PLAYGROUND.
Ace Fence Company, June 18, 1974, $19,321.44.

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EXPENDITURES FOR MAINTENANCE, January 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974

PARKS, GARDENS, SQUARES

Adams, Irving, Park	$ 10,221.64
Arnold Arboretum	2,495.78
Back Bay Yard	171,724.73
Blackstone Park	1,848.51
Blake House	1,972.08
Boston Common Ball Park	4,253.14
Boston Common Bandstand	5,558.10
Boston Common Convenience Stations	11,860.60
Boston Common Deer Park, Tool House	7,748.61
Boston Common Frog Pond	2,299.80
Boston Common Grounds	192,907.30
Boston Common Information Booth	1,928.02
Boston Common Tennis Court	3,732.05
Boylston St. Subway Telephone Booth	736.51
Brighton District	88,523.70
Butelli Park	1,369.32
Central Square	288.84
Charlestown District	66,938.84
Christmas Festival	15,947.97
City Hall Plaza	1,993.95
Columbus Park	58,821.89
Columbus Park Stadium	34,617.52
Commonwealth & Massachusetts Avenues	4,172.57
Commonwealth Avenue Mall	29,511.62
Commonwealth Avenue Underpass	141,339.87
Community Clean - up	238.70
Concord Square	854.50
Copley Square	54,215.78
Copps Hill	9,956.77
Cummings, Mary P. C. Estate	726.37
Devine, William J. Golf Course	48,172.65
Dorchester Heights	437.38
East Boston District	87,776.33
East Boston Stadium	44,111.67
Fens Rose Garden	58,173.13
Fens Stadium	28,445.20
Fenway (The)	11,787.06
Franklin Park Administration, Buildings, Shops, Yards, etc.	667,010.65
Franklin Park Blacksmith Shop	15,048.91
Franklin Park Boat Shop	1,889.53
Franklin Park Carpenter Shop	129,003.10
Franklin Park Garage	174,851.13
Franklin Park Greenhouse	299,568.36
Franklin Park Grounds	103,168.24
Franklin Park Harness Shop	6,627.71
Franklin Park Lawn Mower Shop	80,263.85

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Franklin Park Paint Shop	$ 138,474.97
Franklin Park Plumber Shop	6,335.95
Franklin Park Refectory Building	108.27
Franklin Park Repair Shops	322,561.23
Franklin Park Storehouse	40,748.11
Franklin Square Park	2,819.36
Hardiman Square	1,995.00
Harvard Mall	8,261.80
Humbolt & Townsend Streets	1,995.00
Hyde Park District	5,702.75
Italian Festival	325.00
Jamaica Plain District	65,049.62
Jamaica Pond Boathouse & Grounds	12,982.59
Jamaica Pond Shelter	549.76
Lafayette Mall	4,723.35
Lincoln Square	2,007.60
Meany Park	570.45
Muddy River	1,291.20
North Dorchester District	95,618.03
North End Prado	42,343.29
Oak Square	495.00
Oakview Terrace	1,950.00
Olmstead Park	2,378.20
Orchard Park	7,654.52
Parkman Plaza	2,000.25
Parks and Roadways	12,301.35
Pembroke Street	673.87
Pinebank Building	4,020.43
Portsmouth Street	3,895.89
Preble Street Traffic Circle	2,733.47
Public Gardens	123,636.02
Revere, Paul Mall	6,659.92
Ringgold corner of Hanson Street	1,556.72
Roxbury District	17,201.07
Small Parks & Squares	124,803.64
South Boston - Dorchester District	80,359.73
Sumner & Lawson Streets	2,508.89
South End District	11,170.80
Washington Park	59,197.60
West End District	4,861.29
West Roxbury District	79,954.93
Wright, George Tennis Courts	1,990.00
Wright, George Garage	1,006.31
Wright, George Golf Course	157,384.62
Wolcott Square	1,995.00
TOTAL	$ 4,151,992.83

PLAYGROUNDS

Alford Street Playground	$ 524.94
Almont Street Playground	25,008.17
American Legion	28,115.73
Barry Playground	16,876.61
Billings Field	220,152.41
Caldwell Street Playground	495.00
Carter, William E., Playground	10,835.41
Cassidy, Walter Playground	35,112.51
Ceylon Street Playground	27,801.53
Charter Street Playground	875.00
Clifford Street Playground	578.70
Connolly, John J., Playground	362.93
Cronin, James F., Playground	38,393.26
DeFilippo Playground	1,353.17
Doherty, John A., Playground	24,306.49
Dorchester Park	2,338.03
Downer Avenue Play Area	1,850.00
Draper, Mary Playground	98,846.31
Erie Street Playground	3,732.13
Eustis, William Playground	1,745.73
Fallon Field	22,923.99
Ferrara Field	314.57
Fidelis Way Play Area	5,850.00
Flaherty Way Play Area	1,975.00
Franklin Field	44,352.25
Garvey, William H., Playground	3,421.17
Gibson, Christopher Playground	31,863.55
Hannon, Mary Playground	57,774.71
Healy, James F., Playground	170,272.51
Hemenway, Mary Playground	14,419.39
Howes, Gertrude Playground	5,664.76
Hynes, Thomas J., Playground	9,935.25
Jefferson Playground	17,969.00
Jeffries Point Playground	2,865.80
Lambert Avenue Play Area	28,376.16
Lee, Christopher Playground	42,906.10
Lee, Joseph Playground	4,163.56
McCarthy, Leo F., Playground	9,102.64
McConnell Park	21,529.16
McKinney Playground	7,242.82
McLaughlin, Joseph D., Playground	1,716.62
McLean, Arthur F., Playground	2,780.00
Mission Hill Playground	25,744.01
Mozart Street Playground	10,616.97
Murphy, John W., Playground	3,778.71
Murray Playground	1,600.71
Myrtle Street Playground	1,950.00
Noyes, John H.L., Playground	34,750.56
O'Day Playground	984.03
Parker Hill Playground	29,152.30

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Parkman, Francis Playground	$	1,967.00
Playgrounds, General		102,358.18
Quincy & Stanley Streets		21,615.58
Readville Playground		3,510.10
Ringer, Stanley A., Playground		8,279.65
Ripley Playground		1,071.75
Roberts, Thomas J., Playground		31,135.14
Rogers Park Playground		19,858.60
Ronan Park		67,671.04
Ross, Wesley Playground		30,646.27
Rotch, Lester J., Playground		5,882.66
Ryan, John J., Playground		30,085.99
Smith Pond Playground		726.50
Smith, William F., Playground		80,402.69
Sorrento Street Playground		20,972.57
Summerthing		735.33
Thetford Street Play Area		761.85
Walker, George H., Playground		6,517.05
Walsh, William G., Playground		16,338.72
TOTAL	$	1,605,837.03

RECREATION DIVISION

Administration	$	1,139,237.80
Arts and Crafts Program		3,200.00
Baseball and Football Program		1,570.00
Basketball Program		1,849.16
Baton Specialists		4,184.00
Boxing Program		3,528.00
Fishing Program		735.00
Graffitti Board		536.26
Grooming Program		816.00
Handicap Program		41,989.88
Hi-Ropes Program		6,000.00
Hockey Program		9,417.22
Physical Fitness, Gym & Dance Program		16,854.06
Public Relations		12,000.00
Senior Citizens Program		48,023.68
Skating Program		17,301.18
Tennis Program		8,576.76
Tiny Tots Program		3,450.00
Work Study Program		11,162.72
Yoga Program		644.00
Youth Band Program		5,424.80
TOTAL	$	1,336,500.52

BATHS, BEACHES, POOLS, RECREATION CENTERS

Agassiz School Recreation Center	$	772.50
Bath General		5,151.64
Brighton Municipal Building		19,732.03
Cabot Street Bath, Pool, Center		152,185.82
Camp Joy		56,662.65
Charlestown Pool (Outdoor)		135,669.26
Cleveland, Grover School Recreation Ctr.		1,030.45
Chinese Recreation Center		11,832.68
Columbia Point Recreation Center		1,862.00
Columbia Road Gym		3,072.57
Curtis Hall Bath, Pool, Center		116,375.64
East Boston Social Center		5,712.63
Gallivan Blvd. Recreation Center		24,110.31
Henning, James Recreation Center		6,047.51
Holland School Recreation Center		33,224.57
Hyde Park Municipal Building Center		54,941.36
Kent School Recreation Center		11,392.65
L Street Bath, Beach, Center		457,678.88
Lee School Recreation Center		12,579.10
Marshall School Recreation Center		22,140.84
Mason Street Pool		81,132.22
North Bennet Street Bath Center		185,349.87
North End Park, Beach, Bath, Pool		278,043.08
Ohrenberger School Recreation Center		6,009.74
Paris Street Bath Center		248,248.94
Roslindale Gym		63,883.20
Shelbourne Recreation Center		52,165.04
South Boston Municipal Building		15,879.76
Tobin Building		48,681.74
Tynan School Recreation Center		11,200.21
Williams Building		11,197.79
TOTAL	$	2,133,966.68

GENERAL EXPENSES

Central Offices - Administration	$	571,258.97
Automobiles, Tractors, Trucks, etc.		488,959.43
Street Trees		442,501.85
Street Trees (Plantree Program)		10,847.00
TOTAL	$	1,513,567.25

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

REVENUE APPROPRIATIONS

City Budget	$ 9,051,039.70
Federal Revenue Sharing	1,690,824.61
TOTAL	$ 10,741,864.31

RECAPITULATION

Parks, Gardens, Squares	$ 3,741,398.70
Playgrounds	1,005,636.70
Bath, Beaches, Pools and Recreation Centers	2,086,068.73
Recreation Division, Administration	1,286,305.18
General Expenses	1,350,653.32
Equipment	304,546.48
Repairs to Buildings and Structures	17,496.10
Park & Playground Improvements, etc.	811,745.16
Planting & Replacement of Trees	138,013.94
TOTAL	$ 10,741,864.31

Expenditures of Revenue and Nonrevenue, Special Appropriation and Trust Funds, January 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974.

Commons & Parks in existence on January 12, 1887:-	
Maintenance and Improvement of. . . .	$244,376.99
Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund Income.	4,328.45
Randidge Trust Fund Income	6,142.50
	$254,847.94

CASH RECEIPTS

For Eighteen Months Ending June 30, 1974

PARK DIVISION

William J. Devine Golf Course	$ 4,327.00	
George Wright Golf Course	61,415.00	
Permits for Signs, Openings, etc. . .	14,481.85	
Commissions on Public Telephones in Park Department Buildings	6,275.00	
Miscellaneous	663.90	
Reimbursement from Commonwealth of Massachusetts (mentally retarded and physically handicapped children's summer & winter recreation programs)	56,100.26	
U. S. Government Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962.	4,263.00	
U. S. Government U.B. Reimbursement, (661-45)	513,733.00	
Rentals from Property & Concessions .	9,456.56	
Boston Common Tree Fund, Income .	445.20	
Randidge Trust Fund, Income	4,862.35	
Babcock Music Fund, Income	208.25	
Foss Flag Fund, Income	133.95	
Foss 17th June Fund, Income	133.95	
Mary P.C. Cummings Trust Fund, Income.	18,916.74	
Parkman Fund, Income.	330,000.00	
Settlement of claims for damages	1,322.00	
		$1,026,738.01

BATH DIVISION

Income from Bathhouse	$ 19.50	
		19.50
		$1,026,757.51

Above receipts were credited as follows:	
General Revenue	$154,061.07
Trust Funds, Income	354,700.44
U.S. Government Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962	4,263.00
U.S. Gov. U.B. Reimbursement 661-45	513,733.00
	$ 1,026,757.51

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE
January, 1973 thru June, 1974

Annual Permits, 488 at $75.	$ 36,600.00
Annual Permits, 9 at $150	1,350.00
Weekend-Holiday Permits, 4,007 at $3.00	12,021.00
Monday through Friday Permits, 3,093 at $2.50. . .	7,732.50
Twilight Permits, 2,438 at $2.00.	4,876.00
Lockers, 386 at $5.00	1,930.00
Total.	$ 64,509.50

WILLIAM J. DEVINE GOLF COURSE
January, 1973 thru June, 1974

Annual Permits, 46 at $50	$ 2,300.00
Weekend-Holiday Permits, 3 at $3.50	10.50
Weekend-Holiday Permits, 370 at $2.50	925.00
Monday through Friday, 1 at $2.50	2.50
Monday through Friday, 299 at $2.00	598.00
Twilight Permits, 920 at $1.50.	1,380.00
Nine Holes, 1,216 at $1.50.	1,824.00
Total.	$ 7,040.00

ATTENDANCE RECORDS
January, 1973 thru June, 1974

Playgrounds, Shower Baths, Beaches, Swimming Pools and Gymnasiums

Playgrounds, Summer Attendance	9,414,000
Playgrounds, Winter Attendance (Skating).	3,820,000
Shower Baths	850,000
Beaches and Swimming Pools.	1,375,000
Solarium	4,175
Gymnasiums and Individual Attendance.	650,000
Total.	16,113,175

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
CEMETERY DIVISION

The following annual report is presented for the Cemetery Division from January 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974.

DEPARTMENT CEMETERIES

The burying grounds, cemeteries, and tombs which are owned bb and in charge of the City of Boston are as follows with a total area of about 7,040,708 square feet:

	Square Feet	Established
Bennington Street, East Boston	157,500	1838
Bunker Hill, Charlestown	48,202	1807
Phipps Street, Charlestown	76,740	1630
Copp's Hill, Hull Street, Boston	89,015	1659
King's Chapel, Tremont Street, Boston	19,344	1630
Granary, Tremont Street, Boston	82,063	1660
Central, Common, Boston	60,693	1756
South End South, Wasington Street, City	64,670	1810
Hawes, Emerson Street, South Boston	11,232	1816
Union, East Fifth Street, South Boston	5,470	1841
North, Uphams Corner, Dorchester	142,587	1633
Eliot, Eustis Street, Roxbury	34,830	1630
South, Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester	95,462	1814
Westerly, Centre Street, West Roxbury	39,450	1683
Walter Street, West Roxbury	35,100	1711
Evergreen, Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton	604,520	1848
Market Street, Brighton	18,072	1764
Mount Hope, Walk Hill Street, 125 acres and 14,330 square feet		1851
Fairview, Fairview Avenue, Hyde Park, about 50 acres		1892

CITY TOMBS

Twenty-five in the South Ground; six in Phipps Street Ground, Charlestown; one tomb for infants in South Ground: one tomb for infants and one for adults in Copp's Hill Ground; one for infants in King's Chapel Ground;one for infants in the Central Ground; two receiving tombs in East Boston; one receiving tomb in Dorchester North; one receiving tomb in Dorchester South; one receiving tomb in Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton; one receiving tomb in Mount Hope Cemetery; and one receiving tomb in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

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Cemetery Division Receipts, January 1, 1973
to June 30, 1974

CEMETERIES	General Receipts	Perpetual Care Receipts	Interest on Perpetual Care
Mount Hope	$248,765.00	$85,035.00	$90,604.27
Fairview	45,730.00	23,705.00	31,567.91
Evergreen	51,750.00	28,665.00	37,990.69
Dorchester North....	310.00	-	757.04
Dorchester South....	50.00	-	214.69
Westerly.....	-	-	272.24
Central.....	-	-	225.00
Copp's Hill.....	-	-	225.00
Granary.....	-	-	225.00
King's Chapel.....	-	-	225.00
Bunker Hill.....	-	-	2.70
Phipps Street.....	-	-	16.69
Office.....	193.00	-	-
Totals.....	$346,798.00	$137,405.00	$162,326.23

Total, Book Value of General Fund, Dec. 31, 1972	$5,199,186.35
Interest, (General Fund)	323,502.43
Revenue, (General Receipts) 1973-1974	346,293.00
	$5,868,981.78
Payments from Fund during 1973-1974:	
Refund	275.00
Transfer to Appropriation	1,083,896.10
Total, Book Value of General Fund, June 30,1974	$4,784,810.68
Total, Perpetual Care Fund, June 30, 1974	2,172,656.91
Total, Cemetery Funds	$6,957,467.59

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARMENT

Summary Statement of Cemetery Activies
January 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974

CEMETERIES	Interments	Lots Sold	Graves Sold	Lots in Perpetual Care	Graves in Perpetual Care	Lots in Annual Care	Foundations Built	Preparing and Planting	Various Orders
Mount Hope	2,262	644	13	12,868	2,117	--	465	10	--
Fairview.....	355	23	123	1,367	2,350	1	128	-	--
Evergreen.....	354	52	118	1,492	4,007	--	153	2	--
Dorchester North	2	--	--	2	---	--	--		2
Dorchester South	1	--	--	---	---	--	--	-	--
Westerly.....	---	--	--	1	---	--	--	-	--
Phipps Street....	---	--	--	1	---	--	--	-	--
Bunker Hill.....	---	--	--	1	---	--	--	-	--
Total	2,974	719	254	15,732	8,474	1	746	12	2

Cemetery Division Expenditures for Maintenance Year Ending
June 30, 1974

Office	$33,626,24
Mount Hope.....	667,355.16
Fairview.....	120,309.04
Evergreen.....	150,995.31
Dorchester North.....	7,542.81
Dorchester South.....	11,859.91
Granary.....	11,722.02
King's Chapel.....	9,315.14
Central.....	3,003.68
Phipps Street.....	1,491.49
Bunker Hill.....	1,650.29
Bennington Street.....	2,462.71
Eliot Street.....	2,309.32
South End South.....	1,151.31
Copp's Hill.....	16,851.94
Market Street.....	1,490.77
Hawes and Emerson.....	1,467.08
Westerly.....	2,036.14
Union.....	740.99
Parks and Recreation.....	21,446.78
	$1,068,828.13